

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9017

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Doyle Lawson upon his receipt of the Distinguished Artist Award from the Tennessee Arts Commission and the 2021 Tennessee Governor's Arts Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to commend those exemplary citizens who, through their abiding commitment to excellence, have made significant contributions to the arts and brought pride and acclaim to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Doyle Lawson, a Bluegrass artist and bandleader who has been named a recipient of the Distinguished Artist Award from the Tennessee Arts Commission as part of the 2021 Tennessee Governor's Arts Award; and

WHEREAS, established by the Tennessee Arts Commission in 1971, the Governor's Arts Awards recognize extraordinary artistic and cultural contributions and achievements by individuals or organizations with State, regional, and national impact; the awards are the State's highest honor in the arts; and

WHEREAS, a professional musician for nearly sixty years, Doyle Lawson played his first musical gig with the legendary Jimmy Martin in 1963; he later worked with J.D. Crowe and The Country Gentlemen before launching his own group, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, in 1979; and

WHEREAS, a true Bluegrass legend, Mr. Lawson was named a National Heritage Fellow by the National Endowment for the Arts in 2006 and was inducted into the Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame in 2012; and

WHEREAS, for his many contributions to the arts, Doyle Lawson is wholly deserving of this prestigious honor, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Doyle Lawson upon receiving the Distinguished Artist Award from the Tennessee Arts Commission as part of the 2021 Tennessee Governor's Arts Award, commend his extraordinary contributions to the arts, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.